Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Louise Lena Ida Wenzel was born on December 15, 1915, to William and Ella Wenzel on a farm in Lyon County, Iowa, and we are richer because Louise lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Louise married Laurence Frederick Oppelt on September 29, 1940, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Elkton, South Dakota, and to this union 4 children were born: Ruth, Charles, Betty and Diane, who in turn blessed them with 17 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild; and,

Whereas, Louise is a member of the Thimble Club, Golden Agers and Ladies Aide. She stills lives in her own home and enjoys playing cards, crocheting, quilting, baking and gardening; and,

Whereas, Louise will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 15, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State